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Yathāpi selā vipulā                      Nabhaṃ āhacca pabbatā  
Samantā anupariyeyyūṃ                Nippothenā vatuddisā  
*Like massive boulders,  
Mountains pressing against the sky  
Moving in from all sides  
Crushing the four directions*

Evam jarā ca maccu ca                Adhivattanti pāṇino  
Khattiye brāhmaṇe vesse                Sudde caṇḍāla-pukkuse  
*In the same way, aging & death  
Roll over living beings:  
Noble warriors, Brahmans, merchants,  
Workers, outcastes, & scavengers*

Na kiñci parivajjeti                      Sabbam-evābhimaddati  
Na tatha hattinaṃ bhūmi                Na rathānaṃ pattiyā  
*They spare nothing  
They trample everything  
Here elephants can hold no ground  
Nor can chariots or infantry  
Nor can a battle of spells or wealth win out*

Tasmā hi paṇḍito poso                Sampassaṃ attham-attano  
Buddhe Dhamme ca Saṅghe ca        Dhiro saddhaṃ nivesaye  
*So a wise person, seeing his own good,  
enlightened, secures conviction in the Buddha, Dhamma, & Sangha*

Yo dhammacārī kāyena                Vācāya uda cetasā  
Idh'eva naṃ pasanti                      Pecca sagge pamodati.  
*He who practices the Dhamma in thought, word, & deed  
Receives praise here on earth  
And after death rejoices in heaven*